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ACTION BY THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD ON MATTERS SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

Memorandum by the Secretary

Pursuant to a request by the Chief of Naval Intelligence, the enclosed paper, which is to be placed on the agenda of the Intelligence Advisory Board, is circulated herewith.

J. S. EARMAN

Acting Secretary, N.I.A.

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THE PROBLEM

To establish procedure for the Intelligence Advisory Board in considering matters submitted to the National Intelligence Authority for action.

FACTS

N.I.A. Directive No. 1, paragraph 3, requires that all recommendations be referred to the Intelligence Advisory Board for concurrence or comment prior to submission to the National Intelligence Authority. However, no procedure has been established to accomplish this action by the Intelligence Advisory Board.

DISCUSSION

It is believed that the requirements of N.I.A. Directive No. 1, paragraph 3, can be satisfactorily met by formal or informal procedure, depending upon the importance of the particular matter under consideration. If members of the Intelligence Advisory Board were furnished copies of the agenda for the N.I.A. meeting, together with copies of papers or a statement of the problems up for consideration, they could then, with respect to each item, express their concurrence, submit comments, or request a formal meeting to discuss the matter. Such procedure would insure that the secretaries had the views of the heads of their own intelligence agencies when acting on all matters presented to them.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded that a procedure should be established for the Intelligence Advisory Board in considering matters being submitted to the National Intelligence Authority for action.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following procedure be adopted for securing the concurrence or comments of the Intelligence Advisory Board on all matters being submitted to the National Intelligence Authority:

(a) The agenda for the National Intelligence Authority meeting be referred by the Director of Central Intelligence to the Intelligence Advisory Board, together with copies of all papers to be considered or a statement of subjects to be discussed.

(b) Members of the Intelligence Advisory Board informally express concurrence or submit comments on all items on the agenda to the Director of Central Intelligence for submission by him to the National Intelligence Authority.

(c) In case of important matters on the agenda any member of the Intelligence Advisory Board may request a formal meeting of that committee for the purpose of discussing such subject prior to its submission to the National Intelligence Authority.

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